



A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO PARADES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Traffic Code of the City and County of Honolulu, as set forth in Chapter 15 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, as amended, to enable the City to equitably regulate legacy parades and activities in the Waikiki special district.

SECTION 2. Section 15-24.20, of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 15-24.20 Parades.

(a) Definitions. The following words used in this section shall have the meaning ascribed thereto as provided herein:

"Activity" means the occupation, use or participation in any endeavor other than a parade that requires the exclusive use of streets as defined in Section 15-2.23.

"Agency" means any federal, state or city agency whose review of a permit application the director determines or finds to be necessary for the director to issue such permit.

"Chief of police" means the chief of police of the city, or the chief's authorized subordinate.

"Department" means the department of transportation services.

"Director" means the director of the department of transportation services, or the director's authorized subordinate.

"Expressive activity" means speech or conduct, the principal object of which is the expression, dissemination, or communication by verbal, visual, literary, or auditory means of political, religious, philosophical, or ideological opinions, views, or ideas and for which no fee is charged or required as a condition of participation in or attendance at such activity. Expressive activity generally would not include sports events such as marathons, fundraising events, beauty contests, commercial events, cultural celebrations or other events the principal purpose of which is entertainment.

"First Amendment parade or activity" means a parade or activity that constitutes an expressive activity in which individuals may participate without charge.

["Legacy parades and activities" means any parade or activity that has been held in the Waikiki special district annually for 15 consecutive years from July 1, 1991 through July 1, 2006, and held every year thereafter.]



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"Parade" means as defined in Section 15-2.15.

"Public safety" means the safety or protection of any motorists, pedestrians, occupants of vehicles, participants, spectators and police officers assigned to a parade or activity, or the protection of any real or personal property.

"Street" means as defined in Section 15-2.23.

"Street block" means as defined in Section 15-2.23.

"Waikiki legacy parades and activities" means any parade or activity that has been held in the Waikiki special district annually for 15 consecutive calendar years. In order to maintain legacy status, the parade or activity must be held every calendar year after attaining legacy status. Failure to hold the parade or activity every calendar year after attaining legacy status results in the loss of legacy status. For parades or activities seeking legacy status, it shall be the responsibility of the parade or activity to demonstrate to the City that they held their parade or activity in the Waikiki special district annually for 15 consecutive calendar years and every calendar year thereafter.

"Waikiki special district" means the district described in Section 21-9.80-2, including any precinct thereof established pursuant to Section 21-3.20.

- (b) Permit Required. No person shall conduct a parade or activity on streets or highways, except for funeral processions, parades, marches or processions by members of the United States Armed Forces, State of Hawaii Armed Forces and city police and fire departments, or undertake any activity on streets or highways without first obtaining a permit.
- (c) Application.
 - (1) Any person desiring a permit shall file an application on forms provided by the director with the department. Information to be submitted on application forms shall include, but is not limited to:
 - (A) The date of the parade or activity;
 - (B) The starting time and estimated duration of the parade or activity;
 - (C) The route of the parade or activity; and
 - (D) Whether the parade or activity is a First Amendment parade or activity.
- (d) Conditions to Be Met Prior to Issuance of Permit.
 - (1) Public Purpose. The director shall determine whether the parade or the activity serves a public purpose. The director may consider that the parade or the activity is for a public purpose, so long as any private benefit arising out of the parade or the activity is incidental



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- to the public purpose. For purposes of this section, a First Amendment parade shall constitute a public purpose.
- (2) First Amendment Parades or Activities. Upon receipt of an application for a First Amendment parade or activity no later than five working days prior to the date of the event, the director shall immediately transmit a copy of the application to the corporation counsel, who shall make a recommendation to the director regarding whether an application meets the requirements of a parade or activity held for the purpose of participants expressing views or engaging in other activities protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. The director shall make the determination to grant or deny the application and shall notify the applicant of the director's decision. The application may be denied if inadequate information is provided to determine whether the parade is a First Amendment parade or activity. If the application for a First Amendment parade or activity is not denied within three working days from the date the application is submitted, the application shall be deemed granted and a permit shall be issued. An application for a First Amendment parade or activity (1) filed less than five working days prior to the date of the event or (2) that conflicts with a permit application that has already been received and/or a permit that has already been issued by the department, shall be denied.
- (3) Other Parades and Activities. Applications for parades and activities that are not First Amendment parades shall be subject to the requirements of this subdivision.
- (A) Non-Waikiki Parades and Other Activities. An application for a parade or activity, other than one subject to paragraph (B), shall be filed with the department in accordance with deadlines set by the director.
- (B) Waikiki Parades and Other Activities. The application for a parade or activity subject to this paragraph shall be filed in accordance with deadlines set by the director.
- The director shall approve, upon the director's determination that all other conditions have been or will be met, not more than 15 permits per year for a parade or activity that:
- (i) Has a route, in part or in whole, through the Waikiki special district;



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- (ii) Would result in the closure of one or more streets for a total distance of four street blocks or more within the Waikiki special district; and
 - (iii) Has an estimated duration of two or more hours. Waikiki [L] legacy parades and activities will automatically receive a permit if all other permit conditions and requirements are met. If a parade or [event] activity qualifies as a Waikiki legacy parade or activity, it must be held every calendar year in the Waikiki special district to maintain its status as a Waikiki legacy parade or activity. Waikiki [L] legacy parades and activities shall not be counted towards the permit issuance limit for parades or activities in the Waikiki special district.
- (C) Review by Chief of Police. Upon the filing of an application for a non-First Amendment parade or activity, the director shall transmit a copy of such application to the chief of police for the chief's review, comments and recommendations and to any other agency, if the director determines a particular agency's review is necessary. The chief of police or any agency to which an application has been transmitted shall return such application with comments and recommendations, if any, to the director within five working days after receipt of the copy of the application.
- (4) The director may impose any conditions prior to the issuance of the permit that will provide for public safety; minimize traffic congestion or hazards; and permit the passage of authorized emergency vehicles. Any conditions imposed by the director to be met prior to the issuance of the permit shall be reasonable and necessary and not unduly restrict the ability of a participant in any parade or activity to express views or engage in other activities protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.
- (e) Conditions to Be Met After Issuance of Permit.
 - (1) Any rules adopted pursuant to HRS Chapter 91 that may apply to parades or activities using streets.
 - (2) The director may impose any conditions that are required to be met after the issuance of the permit that will provide for public safety; minimize traffic congestion or hazards; and permit the passage of authorized emergency vehicles. Any written conditions imposed by the director to be met after issuance of the permit shall be



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reasonable and necessary and not unduly restrict the ability of a participant in any parade or activity to express views or engage in other activities protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

(f) Denial or Revocation of Permit.

- (1) Denial or Revocation of Permit. The director is authorized and empowered to deny any permit application if the parade or activity does not conform to any provision of this chapter, the Statewide Traffic Code and other state laws, the rules adopted by the state director of transportation or the director pursuant to HRS Chapter 91, any conditions imposed by this section, or any other written conditions imposed by the director under subsection (d)(4).
- (2) Chief of Police to Revoke or Terminate Parade or Activity. The chief of police is authorized to revoke any permit if the chief finds that, at the site when a permitted parade or activity is to commence, and prior to the actual commencement of such parade or activity, any written conditions imposed by the director have not been met. The director is also authorized to terminate any parade or activity in progress if the director finds that public safety is endangered, or any written conditions to be observed during a parade or activity by the participants imposed by the director under subsection (e)(2) have been breached.
- (3) Before the director may deny an application for a permit under (f)(1), the director may conduct a hearing pursuant to rules adopted by the director for such hearing. An application for a permit under (d)(2) whose application has been denied and a permittee whose permit has been revoked under the conditions set forth in subsection (f)(2) may pursue any and all remedies as provided by law, since there will be no time to issue a notice and conduct a hearing as prescribed in HRS Chapter 91.
- (4) Applicants for Waikiki parades and activities as provided in subsection (d)(3)(B) denied a permit solely due to the limitation on permits for Waikiki parades and activities, as established by this ordinance and as may be implemented by rules, may apply for a waiver as follows:
 - (A) The applicant shall submit an application for a waiver to the mayor's office, on forms provided by the director.
 - (B) The applicant shall attach to the waiver application a copy of the permit application.
 - (C) The waiver application shall be submitted no later



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than 60 calendar days prior to the date of the parade or activity.

- (D) The parade or activity shall be on an existing route.
- (E) Except for the limitation on permits for Waikiki parades, the parade or activity shall satisfy all permit conditions or requirements.
- (F) The mayor may grant a waiver if the mayor finds that the parade or activity meets any one of the following criteria:
 - (i) The parade or activity would be of economic benefit to the City and County of Honolulu, considering: the revenue expected to be generated for businesses in the City and County of Honolulu; the public facilities to be used by organizers and participants in the parade or activity; the number of visitors the parade or activity is expected to bring to the City and County of Honolulu; whether the event would generate media exposure for the City and County of Honolulu that could result in further economic benefits; and any other factors or information that the mayor may reasonably determine to be relevant;
 - (ii) The parade or activity would be culturally or historically significant;
 - (iii) The parade or activity would recognize an outstanding achievement or significant accomplishment; or
 - (iv) The parade or activity would foster community spirit, pride, identity, or well-being, would benefit community organizations or causes, or would result in some other identifiable community benefit.

The applicant shall identify the criteria that apply to its parade or activity, and shall explain how the parade or activity meets the identified criteria.

- (G) The mayor shall be authorized to grant no more than 10 waivers for parades and activities in the Waikiki special district per calendar year. However, the actual number of waivers for parades and activities in the Waikiki special district per calendar year shall vary dependent upon the number of Waikiki legacy parades and activities. For every Waikiki legacy parade and activity over 12 in number per



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calendar year, the number of available waivers in that calendar year shall decrease proportionately. Under no circumstances shall the number of Waikiki legacy parades and activities exceed 20 in number per calendar year nor shall the number of available waivers for parades and activities in the Waikiki special district be less than 2 in number per calendar year.

- (H) Upon notification from the mayor's office that a waiver has been granted to an applicant, the director shall accept the application. An application for a waiver that is not approved within 14 calendar days after submittal shall be deemed denied.
- (I) Notwithstanding the grant of the waiver, the director may impose reasonable and necessary conditions on the permit.
- (g) The director shall adopt rules pursuant to the provisions of HRS Chapter 91 for the purpose of administering or implementing the provisions of this section, and for hearings as authorized in subsection (f).
- (h) Penalties.
 - (1) Definition of "Violation." "Violation," as used in this subsection, shall mean any person who: (A) fails to obtain a permit for a parade or activity on any public street; (B) authorizes, urges or solicits any person to participate in a parade or activity without a required permit; (C) participates in a parade or activity on a public street when there is no permit issued therefor, or the permit therefor has been denied or revoked as provided in this section; or (D) fails to obey any lawful directive, order or command of a police officer when such police officer believes that public safety is in peril.
 - (2) Criminal Sanctions. Any person who violates any provision of this section or falls within the definition of "violation," as defined in this subsection, shall be fined up to \$200.00, or imprisoned up to 30 calendar days, or both."

SECTION 3. Ordinance material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the reviser of ordinances need not include the brackets, the bracketed material or the underscoring



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SECTION 4. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

JUL 29 2015

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

KIRK CALDWELL, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu